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declare that we are respectively citizens of the United States of American, residing respectively at

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## **MULTI-CELL BATTERY**

the specification and claims of which were filed on November 6, 2000 as U.S. Patent Application Serial No .09/707,009, that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate of this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representative or assigns, except as follows: NONE.

## Claim for Benefit of Earlier U.S. Application(s) Under 35 U.S.C. 120

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States applications designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the filing date of this application.

## PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120:

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/139,384, filed on August 8, 1998

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The undersigned declarants declare that all statements made herein of declarants' own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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